The family settled in King township, York County; in Wellington County; in Nottawasaga township, Simcoe County; and in Eldon township. Ontario County. His preliminary education was obtained at Rockwood Academy, and his first teaching was done at Erin. In 1854, as principal, he opened the first public school organised in Collingwood. In Collingwood he prepared for university matriculation, and walked each Friday night eight miles to Duntroon to receive lessons in Greek from Rev. John Campbell of that place. The road between Collingwood and Duntroon is long, and in those days, being recently cut through the forest, was deep in sand, or mire, or snow; but we may well suppose the toilsome parasangs served only to make his "Anabasis" more real to the vigorous young Highlander.

About 1856 he attended the Normal School in Toronto and afterward taught in the Model School. In 1858 he was appointed mathematical master in the Toronto Grammar School, and remained associated with it in its various forms and under its changing names until his retirement from active professional life in 1900. His B.A. was obtained in 1861, with silver medal in mathematics, his M.A. in 1868. In 1872 he became rector of the Jarvis St. Collegiate Institute, and was possibly the first mathematical scholar to become head-master of a high school in Ontario. Indeed, on the occasion of his appointment the question was raised at the Board—Would a classical scholar consent to serve as assistant master under a mathematical principal? When Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn retired from the principalship of Upper Canada College in 1881, Mr. MacMurchy was approached with the view of offering him the appointment, but preferred to remain where he was. From 1877 to 1884 he was a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto, representing the high school masters on that body. In 1907 the University of Toronto recognised his services to education by conferring on him the degree of LL.D., *honoris*